

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1 1. A writing instrument having a proximal end and a distal end, said writing instrument
2 comprising:

3 an inner writing element having a first writing tip and a first writing medium
4 reservoir; and

5 an outer writing element having a second writing tip and a second writing medium
6 reservoir;

7 wherein:

8 an inner axial passage extends through said second writing tip and said second
9 writing medium reservoir;

10 said inner writing element is positioned in said inner axial passage through said
11 second writing tip and said second writing medium reservoir;

12 said first writing tip is in direct operative contact with said first writing medium
13 reservoir;

14 said second writing tip is in direct operative contact with said second writing
15 medium reservoir; and

16 said inner writing element and said outer writing element are axially moveable with
17 respect to each other.

1 2. The writing instrument of claim 1, further comprising:

2 a driving mechanism operatively coupled to at least one of said first and second
3 writing elements.

1 3. The writing instrument of claim 2, said driving mechanism is located at said
2 proximal end of said writing instrument.

1 4. The writing instrument of claim 1, wherein said second writing tip is a nib.

1 5. The writing instrument of claim 4, wherein said nib comprises a connection
2 component operatively coupling said nib to said first writing medium reservoir.

1 6. The writing instrument of claim 5, wherein said connection component is at least
2 one prong.

1 7. The writing instrument of claim 5, wherein said connection component is an open-
2 ended cylinder.

1 8. The writing instrument of claim 4, wherein said second writing medium reservoir is
2 a filler-type reservoir.

1 9. The writing instrument of claim 8, wherein said second writing medium reservoir
2 has a non-circular cross-section.

1 10. The writing instrument of claim 9, wherein said non-circular cross-section is oval.

1 11. The writing instrument of claim 4, wherein said first writing tip is selected from the
2 group consisting of: nib, ball point, roller ball, stylus, chalk, charcoal, and lead.

1 12. The writing instrument of claim 1, wherein said second writing element is a solid-
2 type writing element.

1 13. The writing instrument of claim 1, wherein said inner writing element has a wall
2 formed from a non-corrosive material.

1 14. A writing instrument having a longitudinal axis, a proximal end, and a distal end,
2 said writing instrument comprising:

3 an inner writing element having a first writing tip adjacent said distal end of said
4 writing instrument, and a first writing medium reservoir, said first writing medium reservoir
5 having a rear end;

6 an outer writing element having a second writing tip adjacent said distal end of said
7 writing instrument, and a second writing medium reservoir, said first writing medium
8 reservoir having a rear end; and

9 a driving mechanism operatively coupled to at least one of said inner writing
10 element and said outer writing element;

11 wherein:

12 an inner axial passage extends through said second writing tip and said second
13 writing medium reservoir;

14 said inner writing element is positioned in said inner axial passage in said outer
15 writing element;

16 said inner and outer writing elements are axially moveable with respect to each
17 other;

18 said driving mechanism is located at said rear end of at least one of said first or
19 second writing medium reservoirs; and

20 actuation of said driving mechanism causes axial movement of at least one of said
21 inner and outer writing elements.

1 15. The writing instrument of claim 14, wherein said driving mechanism comprises a
2 first driving member and a second driving member movably coupled to each other.

1 16. The writing instrument of claim 15, wherein:

2 said first driving member is operatively coupled to said inner writing element;

3 said second driving member is operatively coupled to said outer writing element;

4 and

5 one of said first and second driving members is coupled to at least a portion of said
6 outer barrel such that movement of said portion of said outer barrel actuates said driving
7 mechanism to move one of said writing elements axially.

1 17. A writing instrument having a proximal end and a distal end, said writing instrument
2 comprising:

3 an outer barrel;

4 a first writing element positioned within said outer barrel; and

5 a second writing element positioned within said outer barrel and having a nib-type
6 writing point;

7 wherein:

8 said inner and outer writing elements are axially moveable with respect to each
9 other; and

10 said outer barrel is configured to permit access to at least one of said inner and outer
11 writing elements to remove and to replace said at least one of said inner and outer writing
12 elements.

1 18. The writing instrument of claim 17, wherein said outer barrel includes a removable
2 member permitting access to said at least one of said inner and outer writing elements upon
3 removal of said removable member from said outer barrel.

1 19. The writing instrument of claim 18, wherein said removable member is a front nose
2 cone.

1 20. The writing instrument of claim 17, wherein said second writing element has a filler-
2 type writing medium reservoir.

1 21. The writing instrument of claim 20, further comprising a non-porous sleeve covering
2 at least a portion of said writing medium reservoir of said second writing element.

1 22. The writing instrument of claim 17, wherein said first writing element extends
2 through an in inner axial passage formed through said second writing element.

1 23. A filler-type instrument comprising:

2 an outer barrel; and

3 a filler-type reservoir within said barrel comprising a filler-material saturated with a
4 marking medium;

5 wherein:

6 said outer barrel includes a removable member permitting access to said filler-type
7 reservoir; and

8 said filler-type reservoir has a non-porous element covering at least a portion of an
9 outer surface of said filler-type reservoir to permit handling of said filler-type reservoir
10 without being soiled by the marking medium therein.

1 24. A writing instrument as in claim 23, wherein said non-porous element comprises a
2 polypropylene wrap.

- 1 25. A writing instrument as in claim 23, wherein said non-porous element comprises a
- 2 cartridge case.